

REMARKS

These amendments and remarks are being filed in response to the final Office Action dated May 3, 2006. For the following reasons this amendment should be entered, the application allowed, and the case passed to issue.

No new matter or considerations are introduced by this amendment. This amendment should be entered as it clearly places the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 19, 20, 23, 26-37, and 42 are pending in this application. Claims 19, 20, 23, 26-37, and 42 are allowed. Claims 39, 40, 47 have been rejected. Claims 39, 40, 47 have been cancelled in this response. Claims 1-18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 38, and 41-46 were previously cancelled.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank Examiner Mercado for the courtesy of granting telephone interviews with the undersigned on March 30, 2006 and April 6, 2006. During the March 30, 2006 interview, the undersigned argued that claim 42 was allowable. The Examiner reviewed the claims and on April 6, 2006 notified the undersigned that claim 42 was allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 19, 20, 23, 26-37, and 42 are allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowed claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U. S. C. § 103

Claims 39, 40, and 47 were rejected under 35 U. S. C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ochoa et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,046,268). This rejection is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof respectfully requested.

Claims 39, 40, and 47 have been cancelled, therefore, this rejection is moot. As only allowed claims remain pending in this application, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this amendment should be entered, the case allowed, and passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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